

CARRANZA READY TO TAKE UP CHASE

De Facto Forces Can Assume Immediate Control, Declares Gen. Gavira.

EXCITEMENT AT COLUMBUS

Citizens of Border Town Expecting Big Developments—Lack of News Worries Headquarters.

Columbus, N. M., April 11.—Increased precautions to guard the military base at Columbus and the American line of communication; the arrival of a number of strangers in town and what seemed to be an air of suppressed excitement about military headquarters, all contributed today to the belief that the authorities here believe there are about to be important developments in the punitive campaign in Mexico. Whether these developments concern operations in the field or new steps to be taken in the United States looking toward the capture of Villa could not be learned.

Mexico Ready Now.

El Paso, Tex., April 11.—General Gabriel Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, tonight announced that the forces of the de facto government were in a position to take immediate control of the Villa situation if the American troops withdraw.

General Gavira's statement was made in connection with the announcement of Major Scott, chief of staff of the American army staff, that the purpose of the expeditionary force would be considered accomplished when the Villistas bands were dispersed or "as soon as the de facto government is able to relieve them of the work."

Where Are U. S. Troops?

San Antonio, Tex., April 11.—Dispatches from the front indicating contact with the Villa troops were awaited with anxiety at headquarters by General Funston, who realized fully the dangerous position in which the commanding officers of the cavalry detachments beyond Satevo had placed themselves. Just where the American advanced columns are, or which are pursuing Villa in the vicinity off Paral, was unknown here and the difficulties General Pershing has with communication made it a matter of guessing whether another engagement had been fought.

Washington Sees Improvement.

Washington, April 11.—Such a marked improvement in conditions along the Mexican border has been reported by General Funston that the war department is now considering drawing upon some of the troops stationed in Texas to strengthen the ever-lengthening lines of communication of the expedition seeking Villa.

PROBING PRICE OF GASOLINE

Trade Commission Says Recent Increase Not Justified—More Crude Oil than Ever Now.

Washington, April 11.—There were 100,021,790 gallons of crude petroleum held in storage in February, 1916, as against 69,323,242 held in February, 1915, and the production of gasoline increased from 76,663,537 gallons in January, 1915, 97,056,217 gallons in December.

These startling figures, contradicting reports of a decreased supply of petroleum, were sent to the Senate today by the federal trade commission in a report of its soaring prices.

Another feature of the preliminary report was the wide variance shown in gasoline price increase as compared with the rise in crude oil. Gasoline rose 4.88 cents a gallon in 1915 for Middle West refineries and 5.50 for Eastern, while crude oil was advancing only 1.17 and 1.55 respectively for the same sections; kerosene 1.27 and 38 cents and fuel oil 78 cents and 1.00.

Fifteen per cent of the total production of gasoline, the report said, is exported.

TO PUT A CURB ON DANIELS

Chief of Navy Operations Would Be Given More Power by the House Committee.

Washington, April 11.—Curtailment, in a degree, of the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, as advocated by Rear Admiral Bradley Fiske, among the most radical of the Daniels critics, was agreed upon today by a subcommittee of the house naval committee.

The action was taken during consideration of the Navy Appropriation Bill. The committee's action proposes an extension of the authority of the chief of operations, the highest office in the department excepting that of secretary.

SENATOR TAGGART



This is the latest photograph of the new United States senator from Indiana, Thomas Taggart, minus his mustache.

PLANNING TO KILL RULERS

Chicago Police Unearth Big Conspiracy of Anarchists—Claim to Have Written Confession.

Chicago, April 8.—Existence of an international anarchistic plot to assassinate all rulers of Europe has been discovered here, according to a formal statement issued today by MacLay Hoyne, state's attorney of Cook county.

The plot was unearthed by the state's attorney's men while investigating the activities of Jean Crones, suspected poisoner of the guests at the banquet in honor of Archbishop George W. Mundelein a few weeks ago.

According to the information which reached the state's attorney, the plot was known to anarchists in various cities in America as well as Europe. One man from each city was believed to have been delegated to the work of assassination.

The state's attorney said a list of the proposed assassinations was headed by the czar and that Emperor William was second on the list.

Mr. Hoyne said a written statement had been made to him by an anarchist baring the details of the alleged assassination plot.

MOTOR BANDITS IN ST. LOUIS

One Policeman Killed and Another Kidnapped and Held in Captivity by Daring Thieves.

St. Louis, April 8.—One policeman was murdered in St. Louis today and another kidnapped and either slain or held in captivity by a quartet of daring motor bandits. The entire police department of St. Louis assisted by posses of county officers is searching the city and its environs in an effort to capture the bandits, who vanished from their pursuers after abandoning a big motor car in Overland Park, a suburb. Bloodhounds also are being used.

The murdered man was John McKenna, motorcycle policeman, who was shot fatally at a motor oil station. The policeman who was kidnapped is William A. Dillon, patrolman, who disappeared after he had followed two motor cars in which the bandits were riding into an alley.

To Improve Tampico Harbor.

Galveston, Tex., April 6.—The Mexican government is planning extensive harbor improvements at Tampico, and dredging of a deep channel in the Panuco river for the accommodation of large vessels in the oil trade, says a message from Mexico City.

Smokers are Bandit Victims.

Muskogee, Ok., April 6.—Two masked bandits held up and robbed the passengers in the smoking car of Rock Island passenger train No. 41, as the train was leaving Howe, Ok., tonight and secured about \$115.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

—Five child performers were burned to death on the stage of the Garrick Theater, in London recently. It was a children's entertainment to provide comforts for the soldiers. The curtain fell on a fire scene and the audience was departing when the cry of fire was raised. A panic followed.

—Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Avon of 670 tons has been sunk. Lloyd's also has received a report that the British steamer Adamant of 2,300 tons has been sunk. The location of the vessels was not given.

FRENCH EVACUATE ANOTHER POSITION

Fall Back from Bethincourt to Strengthen the Lines Defending Verdun.

CAPTURE GERMAN TRENCHES

Attack Near Douaumont Results in 150-Meter Gain—Lull Along Russian Front.

London, April 10.—The Bethincourt salient, which for weeks had projected like a wedge into the German lines northwest of Verdun, has been evacuated by the French.

The evacuation was carried out under cover of darkness and without interference and the French through the move have been enabled to straighten out their line, which now runs from the corner of the Avocourt wood to the south crossing of the Bethincourt-Esnes and Bethincourt-Chattancourt roads.

New Lines Held.

Violent attacks delivered by the Germans against the new positions found the French line unwavering and all of them were repulsed, except between the Avocourt wood and the Forges Brook, where the Germans succeeded in entering the French trenches, but almost immediately were driven out.

Northeast of Verdun, around Pepper Hill and on the Douaumont-Vaux sector, the Germans heavily bombarded French positions, but were unable to launch an infantry attack in the face of the fire of the French guns. The capture of 150 meters of German trenches southwest of Douaumont is reported by Paris.

On the rest of the lines in France and Belgium, artillery duels alone have been in progress.

Lull in East.

The offensive of the Russians against the Germans in northwest Russia has simmered down to bombardments and bombing attacks by German and Russian aviators.

Considerable fighting between the Turks and the Russians has taken place in the Black Sea littoral with the Turks the aggressors. Three attacks against the Russian intrenchments on the right bank of the Karadere were without result. The Russians are pushing their advance against the Ottomans in the Upper Tchouk river region.

Violent Attack Repulsed.

London, April 8.—The region northwest of Verdun, around Haucourt and between Bethincourt and Hill 265, is still the scene of sanguinary encounters between the French and the Germans.

Continuing their vigorous counterattacks on the trenches taken from them by the Germans between Bethincourt and Hill 265, the French, with the use of hand grenades, have recaptured additional portions of their lost ground and in addition made progress in communicating trenches.

Around Haucourt the Germans launched a violent attack against the French, previously having prepared the way by a heavy bombardment lasting several hours. The French, however, through the use of their curtain of fire and rapid fire guns, put down the attack and forced the Germans to retreat, leaving numerous dead on the ground as they made their way back to their trenches.

On the remainder of the front in France and Belgium, artillery engagements have been in progress.

Big Guns Busy in East.

On the eastern front there has been a continuation of the lively artillery engagements in the lake region south of Dvinsk, especially about Lake Narocz, where the Russians succeeded in occupying portions of German trenches. The artillery on both sides also has been busy around Riga and Friedrichstadt and in East Galicia.

Germans into Haucourt.

London, April 7.—Not only have the Germans been engaged in heavy fighting with the French around Verdun, but they have launched a strong attack against the new British positions near St. Eloi, a few miles south of Ypres, in an endeavor to regain six hundred yards of trenches which the British won from them ten days ago. The fighting around St. Eloi proceeded throughout the day and had not terminated when the latest British official statement was issued.

There have been gains on both German and French sides. The Germans captured the village of Haucourt, which lies in the Avocourt-Bethincourt sector to the northwest of Verdun. This is considered by the Germans as an important strategic point, for while the French held it the Germans could not cross the Forges Brook.

MORE BIG GUNS FOR HARBORS

House Bill Provides for 16-Inch Rifles and Mortars—Measure Calls for \$100,000,000.

Washington, April 7.—The third great element of the national preparedness program was yesterday brought into the house. It is the largest fortifications bill ever reported and the first four annual measures, under which it is proposed to spend approximately \$100,000,000 for increasing and modernizing the harbor defenses, already officially declared to be superior to any in the world, and to supply an ample store of reserve ammunition for the guns.

Included in the bill are provisions for mounting 16-inch direct fire rifles to guard New York, Boston, San Francisco and other great cities from long range naval bombardment. Provision is also made for mounting 12-inch rifles, now in reserve, so they will have a range of more than 30,000 yards, or fifteen sea miles. No ship could live within that distance of the guns.

The plan will add 16-inch mortar batteries to the present 12-inch emplacements, because of the increased armor protection of modern battle ships. In addition, it provides for 16-inch mobile howitzers and 14-inch guns on railroad cars to defend points not protected by established forts.

A BANK ROBBED OF \$15,000

First National of Houston, Pa., Held Up by Five Bandits—Escaped in Motor.

Cannonsburg, Pa., April 7.—Two men robbed the First National bank of \$15,000 at Houston, Pa., near here, yesterday and escaped in a motor car.

Joseph K. McNutt, cashier of the bank, was alone at his window when the men drove up. One entered, carrying in his piece of paper about the size of a check and laid it on the counter in front of the cashier. On it was written: "Make a move and you will be shot." McNutt looked up to find himself facing an automatic pistol.

Meantime the other robber made his way to the cashier's cage. McNutt was made to lie on the floor and one of the robbers guarded him while the other went through the vault. He collected \$15,000 in bills, but did not touch \$2,000 in gold or \$1,000 in silver.

NEGRO TROOPERS IN A RIOT

Texas Ranger Kills Private of Twenty-fourth Infantry in Fight at Del Rio.

Del Rio, Tex., April 10.—Private John Wade of Company C, Twenty-fourth Infantry, a negro regiment, was killed here late last night by a state ranger, Barler, when two rangers and Sheriff Almond attempted to arrest sixteen negro soldiers who had created a disturbance in a house in the restricted district.

Protests against the presence of and requests for the immediate removal of the negro soldiers who have been stationed here for the last three weeks were being prepared today to be sent to the War Department. A high state of indignation existed in Del Rio today as a result of the shooting.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict that Wade was killed by Barler, who was acting in self-defense and in the discharge of his duties.

DISCOVERED A NEW SERUM

Death from Drowning and Asphyxiation May Be Prevented—Scientists are Still Experimenting.

Baltimore, April 10.—Experiments are being made by specialists at Johns Hopkins University Hospital which, if successful, will aid greatly in the resuscitation of persons apparently dead from drowning or asphyxiation. The new treatment is the injection of a serum to stimulate the blood to such an extent as will form a reaction on the heart. This will keep the person alive until the apparatus perfected some time ago to clear the lungs can be put into use.

In most cases there has been after effects such as high blood pressure or hardening of the arteries.

The physicians now are trying to overcome or prevent the excess of blood pressure.

Use 2 Tons of Teeth a Month. Chicago, April 6.—Two tons of false teeth have been shipped to Europe every month since the outbreak of the war, according to a report at the meeting of the Dental Manufacturers' Club.

Favors the Armor Plant.

Washington, April 6.—The senate bill for an \$11 million dollar government armor plate plant was favorably reported today by the house naval committee by a vote of 15 to 6.

GIRL COULD NOT WORK

How She Was Relieved from Pain by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Taunton, Mass.—"I had pains in both sides and when my periods came I had to stay at home from work and suffer a long time. One day a woman came to our house and asked my mother why I was suffering. Mother told her that I suffered every month and she said, 'Why don't you buy a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?' My mother bought it and the next month I was so well that I worked all the month without staying at home a day. I am in good health now and have told lots of girls about it."—Miss CLARICE MORIN, 22 Russell Street, Taunton, Mass.



Thousands of girls suffer in silence every month rather than consult a physician. If girls who are troubled with painful or irregular periods, backache, headache, dragging-down sensations, fainting spells or indigestion would take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a safe and pure remedy made from roots and herbs, much suffering might be avoided.

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A Missouri Case

Mrs. William C. Koester, 3817 Oxford Ave., Maplewood, Mo., says: "My kidneys were badly disordered and I had rheumatic pains. For two months I was confined to bed and for seven months could get around only with crutches. My kidneys didn't act right and at night the pain in my back was so bad it kept me awake. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me after other medicines failed. I have had no kidney pains since."

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